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1. The Szczecin (Stettin) port reconstruction program calls for at least a partial completion of the following jobs before the end of 1947:

- (a) deepening of the waterway from Szczecin to Swinoujscie (Swinemünde).
- (b) dredging of the Odra (Oder) channel,
- (c) clearing of the port area and of the lower section of the Odra.
- (d) reconstruction of the "Fant" and "Ucho" wharf-banks.

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2. Late in April "Floating Crane No. 1" began work on salvaging wrecks near the shores of the Szczecin port. "Floating Crane No. 2" was scheduled to arrive soon after from Swinoujscie to assist with the work.

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3. The reconstruction of the "Odra Shipyards", the former German "Oderwerft", continues and is under the direction of "Zjednoczenie Stoczni Polskich" (Union of Polish Shipyards). An administration building, a new four storey warehouse, and an engineering workshop are to be completed by the end of August.

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4. the Odra Shipyards are producing small torpedo boats, large E-boats with torpedo tubes, and patrol vessels, using German labor. These boats are intended for the Soviets.

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5. these yards are building control boats, similar in size and design to German "R" boats, having a 2 cm gun forward and three or four machine guns. the number of persons employed on the ships as around 200-250. An additional 200 are working on the reconstruction of the yards.

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6. Although the city of Szczecin is under Polish administration, the port is controlled by the Soviets. The number of Soviet officers in the port area is about 250, with the troop commander holding a rank equivalent to Kapitän zur See.

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